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Apophthegmes *new and old.*

IVlius Cæsar, did write a *Collection of Apophthegmes*, as appeares in an *Epistle of Cicero.*

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I need say no more, for the worth, of a Writing, of that nature. It is pitie his Booke is lost: for I imagine, they were collected, with Iudgement, and Choice: whereas that of *Plutarch*,

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tarch, and *Stobæus*, and much more, the *Moderne* ones, draw much of the dregs. Certainly, they are of excellent vse. They are, *Mucrones Verborum*, *Pointed Speeches*. *Cicero* prettily

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cals them, *Salinæ*, *Salt pits*; that you may extract salt out of, and sprinkle it, where you will. They serue, to be interlaced, in continued Speech. They serue, to be recited, vpon occasiō of themselues.

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selues. They serue, if you take out the kernell of them, and make them your owne. I haue, for my recreation, in my sicknesse, fann'd the Old; Not omitting any, because they are vulgar;

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(for many vulgar ones are excellent good ;) Nor for the meanneſſe of the Perſon; but becauſe they are dull, and flat: And added many New, that otherwiſe would haue died.

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WHEN Queene Elizabeth had aduanced Ralegh, she was one day playing on the virginalls, and my Lo. of Oxford, & another Noble-man, stood by. It fell out so, that the Ledge, before the Iacks, was taken away, so as the Iacks were seene: My Lo. of Oxford, and the other Noble-man

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ſmiled, and a little whiſpered: The Queene marked it, and would needes know, *What the matter was?* My Lo. of Oxford anſwered; *Then they ſmiled, ſo ſoon, that when Jacke meets up, Hicke's mate dinner.*

Henrie the fourth of France, his Queene was great with Childe. Cumin ſelf-

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ons, that had his expectation vpon the Crowne; when it was twice or thrice thought, that the Queene was with Childe before, said to some of his Friends; *That it was but with a pillow.* This had some wayes come to the Kings care, who kept it till when the Queen waxed great, call'd the Count of Soissons to him,

him, and said, laying his hand vpon the Queenes belly; *Come Cousin, it is no pillow.* *Yes, Sir,* (answered the Count of Soissons) *it is a pillow, for all France to sleepe vpon.*

3. There was a conference in Parliament, betweene the Vpper House, & the Lower, about a Bill of Accountants,

countants, which came downe, from the Lords, to the Commons: which Bill prayed, that the Lands of Accountants, whereof they were seized, when they entred vpon their Office, mought bee liable to their Arreares, to the Queene. But the Commons desired, that the Bill mought not

not looke backe, so Accountants that were already, but extend only to Accountants hereafter. But the Lo. Threasurer said: *Why, I pray, if you had lost your purse; by the way, would you looke forwards, or would you looke backe?* *The Queene hath lost her purse.*

Queene

Queene Elizabeth, the morrow of her Coronation, went to the Chappell; and in the great chamber, Sir John Rainsford, set on by wilder Men, (A Knight that had the liberty of a Buffone) beseught the Queene aloud; *That now, this good time, when prisoners were delivered, some prisoners, among the rest, might*

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mought likewise haue their libertie, who were like enough, to bee kept still in hold. The Queene asked; *Who they were?* And hee said; *Matthew, Mark, Luke, & Iohn; who had long beene imprisoned, in the Latine tongue; and now he desired, they mought goe abroad, among the people, in English.* The Queene answered, with a graue

graue countenance; *It were good (Rainsford) they were spoken with themselues, to know of them, whether they would be set at libertie?*

The Lo. Keeper, Sir Nicholas Bacon, was asked his opinion, by Queene Elizabeth, of one of these Monopoly Licences; And hee answered; 5.

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Will you haue me speake truth, Madame? Licentiâ omnes deteriores sumus. We are all the worse for a Licence.

6. Pace, the bitter Foole, was not suffered to come at the Queene, because of his bitter humor. Yet at one time, some perswaded the Queene, that hee should come to her, vndertaking for

for him, that hee ſhould keepe compaſſe. So hee was brought to her, and the Queene ſaid; *Come on Pace, now we ſhall heare of our faults.* Saith Pace; *I doe not uſe to talke of that, that all the Towne talkes of.*

My Lo. of Eſſex, at the ſuccor of Rhoan, made 24. Knights; 7.

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which at that time was a great matter. Diuerſe of thoſe Gentle-men, were of weake and ſmall meanes; which when Queene Elizabeth heard, ſhee ſaid; *My Lo. mought haue done well, to haue built his Almeſ-Houſe, before he made his Knights.*

8. A great Officer in France, was in danger

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ger to haue loſt his place: But his wife, by her ſuite, and means making, made his peace: Whereupon a pleaſant Fellow ſaid; *That he had been cruſhed, but that he ſaued himſelfe vpon his hornes.*

Queene Anne Bullen, at the time, when ſhe was led to bee beheaded, in the Tower, 9.

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called one of the Kings Priuie Chamber to her, and said to him; *Commend mee to the King, and tell him, he is constant in his course of aduancing me. From a priuate Gentle-woman, he made me a Marquisse; and from a Marquisse, a Queene; and now he had left no higher degree of earthly honour, hee hath made me a Martyr.*

Bishop

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Biſhop Latimer ſaid, in a Sermon, at Court; *That hee heard great ſpeech, that the King was poore, and many waies were propounded to make him rich: For his part, he had thought of one way, which was; That they ſhould helpe the King to ſome good office, for all his Officers were rich.* 10.

Cæſar Borgia, after 11.

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long diuision, betweene him and the Lords of Romagna, fell to accord with them. In this accord, there was an Article, that hee should not call them, at any time, all together, in person: The meaning was, that knowing his dangerous nature; If hee meant them treason, some one mought be free, to re-

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uenge the reſt. Neuertheleſſe, hee did with ſuch art, and faire vſage, win their confidence, that hee brought them all together to Counſell at Sinigalia, where hee murther'd them all. This Act, when it was related vnto Pope Alexander his Father, by a Cardinall, as a thing happy, but verie perfidious,

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the Pope said; *It was they, that had broke their Couenant first, in comming all together.*

12. Pope Iulius the third, when hee was made Pope, gaue his Hat vnto a youth, a Fauourite of his, with great scandall. Wherupon, at one time, a Cardinall, that mought bee free with him, said modestly

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deftly to him; *What did your Holineſſe ſee in that young man, to make him Cardinall?* Iulius anſwered, *What did you ſee in mee, to make me Pope?*

The ſame Iulius, vpon like occaſion of ſpeech, why hee ſhould beare ſo great affection to the ſame young Man, would ſay; *That he had found* 13.

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by Astrologie, that it was the youths Destinie, to be a Great Prelate; which was impossible, except himselfe were Pope; And therefore, that hee did raise him, as the Driuer on of his owne Fortune.

14. Sir Thomas Moore had onely Daughters, at the first; And his Wife did euer pray for a Boy: At last hee had

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had a Boy; which after, at Mans yeeres, proued ſimple. Sir Thomas ſaid to his Wife; *Thou prayedſt ſo long for a Boy, that hee will bee a Boy, as long as he liues.*

Sir Thomas Moore, the day he was beheaded, had a Barber ſent to him, becauſe his haire was long, which was thought, would 15.

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make him more commiserable, with the people. The Barber came to him, and asked him; *Whether he would be pleased to bee trimm'd? In good faith, honest fellow,* (said Sir Thomas) *the King and I haue a suit for my Head, and till the Title be cleared, I will doe no cost vpon it.*

16. Stephen Gardiner, Bishop

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Bishop of Winchester, a great Champion of the Papists, was wont to say of the Protestants, who ground upon the Scripture; *That they were like Poasts, that bring truth in their Letters, and lies in their Mouths.*

17. The Lacedemonians were besieged by the Athenians, in the Fort of Peile; which was

was won, and some slaine, and some taken. There was one said, to one of them that was taken, by way of scorne; *Were not they braue men, that lost their liues at the Fort of Peile?* Hee answered; *Certainely, a Persian Arrow is much to be set by, if it can chuse out a braue Man.*

After

18. After the Defeat of Cyrus the younger, Falinus was ſent, by the King, to the Grecians, (who had, for their part, rather Victorie, than otherwiſe,) to command them, to yeeld their Armes. Which when it was denied, Falinus ſaid to Clearchus; *Well then, the King lets you know, that if you remoue from the place,*

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place, where you are now encamped, it is warre; if you ſtay, it is Truce; What ſhall I ſay, you will doe? Clearchus anſwered; *It pleaſeth vs, as pleaſeth the King. How is that?* ſaith Falinus. Saith Clearchus; *If we remoue, Warre; if wee ſtay, Truce.* And ſo would not diſcloſe his purpoſe.

Clodius

Clodius was acquit by a corrupt Iuric, that had palpably taken shares of money. Before they gaue vp their verdict, they prayed of the Senate a Guard, that they might doe their Consciences freely; for Clodius was a verie seditious young Nobleman. Whereupon, all the world gaue him for dem-

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demn'd. But acquitted he was. Catulus, the next day, seeing some of them, that had acquitted him, together, said to them; *What made you to aske of vs a Guard? Were you afraid your money should haue been taken from you?*

20. At the same Iudgement; Cicero gaue in Euidence vpon oath: And

And the Iurie (which consisted of 57.) passed against his Euidence. One day in the Senate, Cicero and Clodius being in altercation, Clodius vpbraided him, and said; *The Iurie gaue you no credit.* Cicero answered; *Fiue and twentie gaue mee credit; but there were two and thirtie, that gaue you no credit, for*

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they had their money aforehand.

21. Many men, especially such as affect grauitie, haue a manner, after other mens speech, to shake their heads, Sir Lionell Cranfield would say; *That it was, as Men shake a Bottle, to see if there were any wit in their Head, or no.*

Sir

22.

Sir Thomas Moore, (who was a man, in all his life time, that had an excellent veine in jesting) at the verie instant of his Death, hauing a prettie long Beard, after his Head was vpon the Blocke, lift it vp againe, and gently drew his Beard aside, and said; *This hath not offended the King.*

23. Sir Thomas Moore had sent him, by a Suter in the Chancerie, two siluer Flagons. When they were presented by the Gentlemans seruant, he said to one of his Men; *Haue him to the Cellar, and let him haue of my best wine.* And turning to the Seruant, said; *Tell thy Master, Frend, if he like it, let him not spare it.*

Diogenes

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Diogenes hauing ſeene that the Kingdome of Macedon, which before was contemptible & low, began to come aloft, when hee died, was asked; *How he would be buried?* He anſwered; *With my face downeward; for within a while, the world will bee turned vpſide downe, and then I ſhall lie right.*

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25. Cato the Elder was wont to say; *That the Romans were like sheepe: A man were better driue a flocke of them, then one of them.*

26. Themistocles, in his lower Fortune, was in loue with a young Gentle-man, who scorn'd him. When hee grew to his Greatnesse, which was soone after; hee sought

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sought to him: But Themistocles said; *Wee are both growne wise, but too late.*

Demonax the Philosopher, when hee died, was asked touching his buriall. He answered, *Neuer take care for burying mee, for stinke will burie me.* He that askt him, said againe; *Why, would you haue your bodie* 27.

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bodie left to Dogs and Rauens to feed vpon? Demonax answered; *Why, what great hurt is it, if hauing sought to doe good, when I liued, to Men; my bodie doe some good to beasts, when I am dead?*

28. Iack Roberts was desired by his Taylour, when the reckoning grew somewhat high, to haue a Bill of his

his hand. Roberts ſaid; *I am content, but you muſt let no man know it.* When the Taylor brought him the Bill, he tore it, as in choller, and ſaid to him; *You vſe me not well; you promiſed me no bodie ſhould know it, and here you haue put in; Be it knowne to all men by theſe preſents.*

When Lycurgus was 29.

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was to reforme and alter the ſtate of Sparta, in the Conſultation, one aduiſed, That it ſhould bee reduced to an abſolute Popular Equalitie. But Lycurgus ſaid to him; *Sir, beginne it in your owne Houſe.*

30. Phocyon, the Athenian, (a Man of great ſeueritie, and no wayes flexible to the will

will of the People) one day, when hee ſpake to the People, in one part of his ſpeech, was applauded: Whereupon, he turned to one of his Frends, and asked; *What haue I ſaid amiſſe?*

Sir Walter Ralegh was wont to ſay, of the Ladies of Queene Elizaberhs Priuie-Chamber, 31.

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Chamber, and Bed-Chamber; *That they were like Witches; they could doe hurt, but they could doe no good.*

32. Bion, that was an Atheiſt, was ſhewed in a Port-Citie, in a Temple of Neptune, many Tables or Pictures, of ſuch, as had in tempeſts, made their vowes to Neptune, and were ſaued from

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from ſhipwrack; and was askt; *How ſay you now, doe you not acknowledge the power of the Gods?* But hee ſaid; *Yes, but where are they painted, that haue beene drown'd after their vowes?*

Bias was ſailing, and there fell out a great Tempeſt; and the Mariners, that were wicked and diſ-

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solute Fellowes, called vpon the Gods: But Bias said to them; *Peace, let them not know yee are here.*

34. Bion was wont to say; *That Socrates, of all the louers of Alcibiades, onely held him by the eares.*

35. There was a Minister depriued for Inconformitie: who said

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said to some of his Friends; *That if they deprived him, it should cost an hundred Mens liues.* The Queen understood it, as if, being a turbulent Fellow, hee would make some sedition, and complain'd of him. Whereupon, being beseeched, and appointed vpon his next speech hereafter said; *He should mistake me, that if I had left but*

Benefice, hee would practise Physicke; and then hee thought hee should kill an hundred Men, in time.

36. Michael Angelo, the famous Painter, painting in the Popes Chappell, the Portraiture of Hell, and damned Soules, made one of the damned Soules so like a Cardinall, that was his enemie,

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mie, as euerie bodie, at first sight, knew it: Whereupon the Cardinall complained to Pope Clement, desiring it might be defaced; who said to him; *Why, you know verie well, I have power to deliver a soule out of Purgatorie, but not out of Hell.*

37. There was a Philosopher about Tibe-

rius, that looking into the nature of Caius, said of him; *That hee was Mire mingled with Blood.*

38. Alcibiades came to Pericles, and stayed a while, ere hee was admitted. When he came in, Pericles ciuilly excused it, and said; *I was studying, how to giue my account.* But Alcibiades said

to him; *If you will be ruled by mee, studie rather, how to giue no account.*

Cicero was at dinner, where there was an ancient Ladie, that spake of her yeeres, and said; *She was but fortie yeeres old.* One that sate by Cicero, rounded him in the eare, and said; *Shee reckes of fortie yeeres* 39.

old, and ſhee is farre more, out of queſtion. Cicero anſwered him againe; *I muſt beleeue her, for I haue heard her ſay ſo, any time, theſe ten yeeres.*

40. Pope Adrian the ſixth was talking with the Duke of Seſa, *That Paſquill gaue great ſcandall, and that hee would haue him throwen into the riuer.*

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But Sesa answered; *Doe it not (holy Father) for then hee will turne Frogge; and whereas now hee chaunts but by day, hee will then chaunt both by day and night.*

41. There was a Souldier, that vaunted before Iulius Cæsar, of hurts he had receiued in his face. Iulius Cæsar knowing him

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to be a Coward, told him; *You were best take heed, next time you runne away, how you looke backe.*

42. There was a Bishop, that was somewhat a delicate Person, and bathed twice a day. A Friend of his said to him, *My Lord, why do you bath twice a day?* The Bishop answered, *Because I*

cannot conuenientlye bath thrice.

Mendoza, that was Vice-Roy of Peru, was wont to say; *That the Gouernment of Peru, was the best place that the King of Spaine gaue, saue that it was somewhat too neere Madrid.* 43.

Secretarie Bourues some kept a Gentle- 44.

mans

mans Wife in Shropshire, who liued from her Husband with him. When hee was wearie of her, he caused her Husband to be dealt with, to take her home, and offered him 500. pounds for reparation. The Gentle-man went to Sir Henry Sidney, to take his aduice vpon this offer; telling him; *That his wife promised now*

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now a new life; and to tell him truth, 500. *pounds would come well with him; and beſides, that ſometimes he wanted a woman in his bed. By my troth,* (ſaid Sir Henry Sidney) *take her home, and take the money, and then, whereas other Cuckolds weare their hornes plaine, you may weare your's gilt.*

There

45. There was a Gentle-man in Italy, that wrate to a great Frend of his, vpon his Aduancement to bee Cardinall; *That hee was verie glad of his aduancement, for the Cardinalls owne sake: but he was sorrie, that himselfe had lost so good a Frend.*

46. When Rablais lay on his Death bed, and they

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they gaue him the Extreme Vnction, a familiar Frend of his came to him afterwards, and asked him, *How hee did?* Rablais answered; *Euen going my journey, they haue greased my boots already.*

There was a King of Hungarie tooke a Bishop in battell, and kept him prisoner. 47.

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Whereupon the Pope writ a Monitorie to him, for that hee had broke the Priuiledge of Holy Church, and taken his Sonne. The King sent an Embassage to him, and sent withall the Armour, wherein the Bishop was taken, and this onely in writing; *Vide, num hæc sit vestis filij tui?*

There

48.

There was a Sutour to Vespasian, who to lay his Sute fairer, said; *It was for his Brother*: whereas indeed it was for a peece of money. Some about Vespasian, to crosse him, told the Emperour, *That the Partie, his Servant spake for, was not his Brother, but that it was upon a bargaine.* Vespasian sent for the Partie

Partie interessed, and asked him; *Whether his Meane was his Brother, or not?* He durst not tell vntruth to the Emperour, and confessed; *That hee was not his Brother.* Whereupon, the Emperour said; *This doe; fetch me the money, and you shall haue your suite dispatched.* Which he did. The Courtier, which was the Meane,

Meane, sollicited Vespasian, soone after, about his Suit: *Why* (saith Vespasian) *I gaue it, last day, to a Brother of mine.*

When Vespasian passed from Iurie, to take vpon him the Empire, hee went by Alexandria, where remained two famous Philosophers, Apollonius, & Euphrates. 49.

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The Emperour heard them discourse, touching matter of State, in the presence of many. And when hee was wearie of them, hee brake off, and in a secret derision, finding their Discourses but Speculatiue, and not to bee put in practise, said; *Oh, that I might governe wise men, and wisemen governe me.*

Cardinall

Cardinall Ximenes, vpon a muſter which was taken againſt the Moores, was ſpoken to by a Seruant of his, to ſtand a little out of the ſmoake of the Harqueburze: But he ſaid againe; *That that was his Incenſe.* 50.

Veſpaſian aſkt of Apollonius; *What was the cauſe of Nero's* 51.

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ruine? who answered; *Nero could tune the Harpe well; but in Gouernment, hee did alwayes winde vp the strings too high, or let them downe too low.*

52. Mr. Bromley Sollicitour, giuing in Euidence for a Deed which was impeached to bee fraudulent, was vrged by the Counsell on the other side,

side, with this presumption: That in two former suites, when Title was made, that Deed was passed ouer in silence, and some other Conueyance stood vpon. Mr. Iustice Catyline, taking in with that side, asked the Sollicitour; *I pray thee, Mr. Sollicitour, let mee aske you a familiar question: I haue two Geldings in*

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my ſtable, and I haue diuerſe times buſineſſe of importance, and ſtill I ſend forth one of my Geldings, and not the other; would you not thinke I ſet him aſide for a Iade? No, my Lord, (ſaith Bromley) *I would thinke you ſpared him for your owne ſaddle.*

53. Alonſo Cartillio was informed by his Steward,

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Steward, of the greatneſſe of his expence, being ſuch as hee could not hold out with. The Biſhop aſked him; *Wherein it chiefly roſe?* His Steward told him; *In the multitude of his ſeruants.* The Biſhop bade him make a note of thoſe that were neceſſarie, and thoſe that mought be put off. Which hee

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did. And the Bishop taking occasion to reade it, before most of his seruants, said to his Steward; *Well, let those remaine, because I need them; and these other, because they need me.*

54. Queene Elizabeth was wont to say vpon the Commission of Sales; *That the Commissioners vsed her*

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her like ſtrawberrie wiues, that laid two or three great ſtrawberries at the mouth of their pot, and all the reſt were little ones: So they made her two or three good prices of the firſt particulars, but fell ſtraight-wayes.

Queene Elizabeth was wont to lay of her inſtructions to great Officers; *That they* 55.

they were like to garments, straight at the first putting on, but did by and by weare loose enough.

56. Mr. Marburie the Preacher would say; *That God was faine to deale with wicked men, as men do with frisking jades in a pasture, that cannot take them up, till they get them at a gate: So wicked men will*

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will not bee taken vp, till the houre of death.

Thales, as he lookt vpon the ſtarres, fell into the water: Whereupon, it was after ſaid; *That if hee had lookt into the water, he might haue ſeene the ſtarres; but looking vp to the ſtarres, hee could not ſee the water.* 57.

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58. The Booke of Deposing Richard the second, and the comming in of Henrie the fourth, supposed to bee written by Dr. Hayward, who was committed to the Tower for it, had much incensed Q. Elizabeth. And she asked Mr. Bacon, being then of her learned Counsell; *Whether there were no treason contained*

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contained in it? Mr. Bacon intending to doe him a pleasure, and to take off the Queenes bitternesse with a jest, answered; *No Madam, for treason, I cannot deliuer opinion, that there is any, but verie much felonie.* The Queene apprehending it gladly, asked; *How, and wherein?* Mr. Bacon answered; *Because he*

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he had ſtollen many of his ſentences and conceits, out of Cornelius Tacitus.

59. Mr. Popham, when hee was Speaker, and the Lower Houſe had ſate long, and done in effect nothing; comming one day to Queene Elizabeth, ſhe ſaid to him; *Now, Mr. Speaker, what hath paſſed in the Lower Houſe?*

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House? He answered; *If it please your Maiestie, seuen weekes.*

Pope Xystus the fifth, who was a poore mans son, & his fathers house ill-thatched; so that the Sunne came in, in many places, would sport with his ignobilitie, & say; He was, *Nato di Casa illustre: Sonne of an illustrious House.* 60.

When

61. When the King of Spaine conquered Portugall, hee gaue ſpeciall charge to his Lieutenant, that the Souldiers ſhould not ſpoile, leſt hee ſhould alienate the hearts of the people. The Armie alſo ſuffered much ſcarſitie of victuall. Whereupon, the Spaniſh Souldiers would afterwards ſay: *That they had won the*

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the King a Kingdome, as the Kingdome of Heauen vseth to bee wonne; by fasting, and abstaining from that, that is another mans.

Cicero married his Daughter to Dolabella, that held Cæsars partie; Pompey had married Iulia, that was Cæsars Daughter. After, whé Cæsar and Pompey 62.

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tooke Armes one a-gainſt the other; and Pompey had paſſed the ſeas, and Cæſar poſſeſſed Italy, Cicero ſtay'd ſomewhat long in Italy, but at laſt ſailed ouer to ioyne with Pompey: who when hee came vnto him, Pompey ſaid; *You are welcome; but where left you your Sonne in Law?* Cicero anſwered; *With*

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With your Father in law.

Nero was wont to say of his Master Seneca; *That his stile was like mortar of sand without lime.* 63.

Sir Henrie Wotton used to say; *That Critticks are like Brushers of Noble-mens cloaths.* 64.

Queene Elizabeth, 65.

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being to resolue vpon a great Officer, and being by some, that canuassed for others, put in some doubt of that person, whō she meant to aduance, called for Mr. Bacon, and told him; *Shee was like one with a lanthorne, seeking a man*: and seemed vnsatisfied, in the choyce she had of men for that place. Mr. Bacon answered

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swered her; *That hee had heard, that in old time, there was vsually painted in the Church windowes, the Day of Doome, and God sitting in judgement, and Saint Michael by him, with a paire of baltance, and the soule, and the good deeds in the one ballance, and the faults and the euill deeds in the other; and the soules ballance went*

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vp farre too light: Then was our Ladie painted with a great paire of beads, casting them into the light ballance, to make vp the weight: So (hee said) place and authoritie, which were in her hands to giue, were like our Ladies beads, which though Men, through diuerse imperfections, were too light before, yet when they were

were caſt in, made weight competent.

Mr. Sauill was aſked, by my Lo. of Eſſex, his opinion touching Poets; who anſwered my Lo. *He thought them the beſt writers, next to thoſe that write proſe.* 66.

Mr. Maſon of Trinitie Colledge, ſent his Pupill to another 67.

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of the Fellowes, to borrow a booke of him: who told him; *I am loth to lend my bookes out of my chamber; but if it please thy Tutour, to come and reade vpon it in my chamber, hee shall, as long as he will.* It was Winter; and some dayes after, the same Fellow sent to Mr. Mason, to borrow his bellowes. But Mr. Mason

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Maſon ſaid to his Pupill; *I am loth to lend my bellowes out of my chamber; but if thy Tutour would come, and blow the fire in my chamber, hee ſhall, as long as he will.*

Nero did cut a youth, as if he would haue transformed him into a woman, & call'd him *Wife*. There was a Senator of 68.

of Rome, that said secretly to his Frend; *It was pittie Nero's father had not such a wife.*

69. Galba succeeded Nero, and his age being much despised, there was much licence and confusion in Rome. Whereupon, a Senatour said in full Senate; *It were better liue where nothing*

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thing is lawfull, then where all things are lawfull.

In Flaunders, by accident, a Flemmiſh Tiler, fell from the top of a houſe vpon a Spaniard, and killed him, though he eſcaped himſelfe. The next of the bloud proſecuted his death with great violence againſt the Tiler. And 70.

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And when hee was offered pecuniarie recompence, nothing would ſerue him, but *Lex Talionis*. Whereupon the Iudge ſaid to him; *That if hee did vrge that kinde of ſentence, it muſt bee, that hee ſhould goe vp to the top of the houſe, and thence fall downe vpon the Tiler.*

71. Queene Elizabeth was

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was dilatorie enough in ſutes, of her owne nature: And the Lo. Threaſurer Burleigh, to feed her humour, would ſay to her; *Madam, you doe well to let Suters ſtay; for I ſhall tell you; Bis dat, qui citò dat; If you grant them ſpeedily, they will come againe the ſooner.*

They faigne a tale 72.

of

of Sixtus Quintus, that after his death he went to Hell; And the Porter of Hell said to him; *You haue some reason to offer your selfe to this place; but yet I haue order not to receiue you: you haue a place of your owne, Purgatorie, you may goe thither.* So he went away, & sought Purgatorie a great while, & could finde

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no ſuch place. Vpon that hee tooke heart, and went to Heauen, and knocked, and S^t. Peter asked; *Who was there?* He ſaid; *Sixtus Pope.* Whereunto S^t. Peter ſaid; *Why doe you knocke? you haue the keyes.* Sixtus anſwered; *It is true, but it is ſo long ſince they were giuen, as I doubt the wards of the locke be altred.*

Charles

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73. Charles King of Swede, a great enemie of the Iesuites, when hee tooke any of their Colledges, he would hang the old Iesuites, and put the young to his Mines, saying; *That since they wrought so hard aboue ground, he would trie how they could worke vnder ground.*

74. In Chancerie, one time,

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time, when the Counsell of the Parties set forth the Bundaries of the land in question, by the Plot: And the Counsell of one part sayd; *Wee lie on this side, my Lo.* And the Counsell on the other part said; *Wee lie on this side*: The Lo. Chancellor Hatton stood vp, and said; *If you lie on both sides, whom will*

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you haue mee to beleeue?

75. Vespasian, and Titus his eldest Sonne, were both absent from Rome, when the Empire was cast vpon him. Domitian his younger Sonne was at Rome, who tooke vpon him the Affaires: And being of a turbulent spirit, made many changes, and

and displaced diuerse Officers, and Gouernours of Prouinces, sending them Successours: So when Vespasian came to Rome, and Domitian came into his presence, Vespasian said to him; *Sonne, I looked when you would haue sent me a Successour.*

Sir Amice Pawlet, when hee saw too 76.

much haste made in any matter, was wont to say; *Stay a while, that wee may make an end the sooner.*

77. The Deputies of the reformed Religion, after the Massacre, which was vpon S^t. *Bartholomewes day*, treated with the King and Queene-Mother, and some other of the Counsell, for a peace.

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Both ſides were agreed vpon the Articles. The Queſtion was, vpon the ſecuritie of performance. After ſome particulars propounded and reiected, the Queene-Mother ſaid; *Why, is not the word of a King ſufficient ſecuritie?* One of the Deputies anſwered; *No, by S^t. Bartholomew, Madam.*

78. When the Arch-Duke did raise his siege from Graue, the then Secretarie came to Queene Elizabeth; and the Queene hauing intelligence first, said to the Secretarie; *Wote you what? The Arch-Duke is risen from the Graue.* Hee answered; *What, without the Trumpet of the Archangell?* The Queene replyed; *Yes,*

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Yes, without sound of Trumpet.

Francis the first, vsed for his pleasure, sometimes to goe disguised. So walking one day, in the companie of the Cardinall of Borbon, neere Paris, hee met a Peasant, with a new paire of shooes vpon his arme. So hee call'd him to him, and said; 79.

By our Ladie, these bee good shooes, what did they cost thee? The Peasant said; *Guesse.* The King said; *I thinke some five Souls.* Saith the Peasant; *You have lied but a Carolois. What Villaine* (saith the Cardinall of Burbon) *thou art dead: It is the King.* The Peasant replyed; *The Devill take him, of you and*

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and mee, that knew so much.

There was a conspiracie against the Emperour Claudius, by Scribonianus, examined in the Senate; where Claudius sate in his chaire, and one of his Freed-Seruants stood at the backe of his chaire. In the examination, that Freed Seruant, who had much 80.

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much power with Claudius, verie saucily had almost all the words; and amongst other things, he asked in scorne, one of the Examinats, who was likewise Freed Seruant of Scribonianus; *I pray, Sir, if Scribonianus had beene Emperour, what would you haue done?* Hee answered; *I would haue stood behinde his chaire,*

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chaire, and held my peace.

Dionyſius the Tyrant, after he was depoſed, and brought to Corinth, kept a ſchoole. Many vſed to viſit him, and amongſt others, one, when hee came in, opened his mantle, and ſhooke his cloathes, thinking to giue Dionyſius a gen- 81.

tle

tle ſcorne; becauſe it was the manner to doe ſo, for them that came in to him, while he was Tyrant. But Dionyſius ſaid to him; *I pray thee doe ſo rather when thou goeſt out, that we may ſee thou ſtealeſt nothing away.*

82. Hannibal ſaid of Fabius Maximus, and of Marcellus (whereof the

the Former waited vpon him; that hee could make no progresse; and the Latter had many sharpe fights with him;) *That he feared Fabius, like a Tutour; and Marcellus, like an Enemie.*

Diogenes, one terrible frostie morning, came into the Market Place, and stood naked 83.

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ked quaking, to shew his Tollerancie. Many of the people came about him, pittying him. Plato passing by, and knowing hee did it to be seene, said to the people, as hee went by; *If you pittie him indeed, leaue him alone.*

84. Sackford, Master of the Requests to Queen Elizabeth, had diuerse

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diuerſe times moued for audience, & been put off. At laſt hee came to the Queene in a progreſſe, and had on a new paire of boots. When hee came in, the Queene ſaid to him; *Fie Slouen, thy new Boots ſtinke. Madam,* (ſaid he) *it is not my new Boots that ſtinke, but it is the ſtale Bills that I haue kept ſo long.*

One

85. One was saying; *That his great Grand-father, and Grand-father, and Father, died at sea.* Said another that heard him; *And I were as you, I would neuer come at Sea. Why* (saith hee) *where did your great Grand-father, & Grand-father, and Father die?* Hee answered; *Where, but in their Beds?* Saith the other; *And I were*

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were as you, I would never come in Bed.

Aristippus was earnest Suiter to Dionysius, for somewhat, who would giue no eare to his Suit. Aristippus fell at his feet: Then Dionysius grãted it. One that stood by, said afterwards to Aristippus; Thou a Philosopher, and to bee so base, as to throw your- 86.

selfe at the Tyrants feet, to get a Suit? Aristippus answered; *The fault is not mine, but the fault is in Dionysius, that carries his eares in his feet.*

87. There was a young man in Rome, that was verie like Augustus Cæsar. Augustus tooke knowledge of it, and sent for the Man, and asked him;

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Was your Mother neuer at Rome? Hee answered; *No, Sir, but my Father was.*

88. A Physician aduised his Patient, that had sore eyes, that hee should abstaine from wine. But the Patient said; *I thinke rather, Sir, from wine and water; for I haue often marked it, in bleare eyes, and I haue seene*

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water come forth, but never wine.

89. When Sir Thomas Moore was Lo. Chancellor, hee did vse, at Masse, to sit in the Chancell; and his Ladie in a Pew. And because the Pew stood out of sight, his Gentleman-Vsher, euer after Seruice, came to the Ladies Pew, and said; *Madam,*

dam, my Lo. is gone. So when the Chancellers place was taken from him, the next time they went to Church, Sir Thomas himselfe came to his Ladies Pew, and said; *Madam, my Lo. is gone.*

90. At an Act of the Commencement, the Answerer gaue for his Question; *That*

an Aristocracie was better then a Monarchie. The Replyer, who was a dissolute Fellow, did tax him; *That being a priuate bred Man, hee would giue a Question of State.* The Answerer said; *That the Replyer did much wrong the priuiledge of Schollers; who would bee much streightened, if they should giue Question*

of nothing, but ſuch things wherein they are practiſed. And added; *Wee haue heard your ſelfe diſpute of vertue, which no man will ſay, you put much in practiſe.*

91. There was a diſpute, whether great heads or little heads had the better wit? And one ſaid; *It muſt needs be the little.*

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For it is a Maxime: Omne maius continet in se minus.

92. Solon, when hee wept for his Sonnes death, and one said to him; *Weeping will not helpe:* answered, *Alas, therfore I weepe, because weeping will not helpe.*

93. Solon being asked; *Whether hee had given the*

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the Athenians the beſt Lawes? anſwered; *Yes, the beſt of thoſe that they would haue receiued.*

One ſaid to Ariſtippus; *It is a ſtrange thing, why ſhould men rather giue to the poore, then to Philoſophers.* Hee anſwered; *Becauſe they thinke themſelues may ſooner come to bee poore,* 94.

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poore, then to be Philosophers.

95. Alexander vsed to say of his two Frends, Craterus and Hephestion; *That Hephestion loued Alexander, and Craterus loued the King.*

96. It fell out so, that as Liuia went abroad in Rome, there met her naked young Men,

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Men, that were ſporting in the ſtreets: Which Auguſtus was about ſeuerely to puniſh in them: But Liuia ſpake for them, and ſaid; *It was no more to chaſte women, then ſo many Statua's.*

Alonſo of Aragon was wont to ſay, in commendation of Age, that Age appeared to be beſt in foure things; 97.

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things; *Old wood beſt to burne; Old wine to drinke; Old Frends to truſt; and Old Authors to reade.*

98. It was ſaid of Auguſtus, & afterwards the like was ſaid of Septimius Seuerus: Both which did infinite miſchiefe in their beginnings, and infinite good towards their ends; *That they ſhould*

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should either neuer haue beene borne, or neuer died.

Queene Isabell of Spaine would say; *Whosoeuer hath a good presence, and a good fashion, carries Letters of Recommendation.* 99.

Traian would say of the vaine jelousie of Princes, that seeke to make away those that 100.

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that aſpire to their Succeſſion; *That there was neuer King, that did put to death his Succeſſour.*

101. When it was repreſented to Alexander, to the aduantage of Antipater, who was a ſterne and imperious Man, that hee onely of all his Lieutenants, wore no Purple, but kept the Macedonian

cedonian Habit of Blacke, Alexander said; *Yes, but Antipater is all Purple within.*

Constantine the Great, in a kinde of enuie, himselfe being a great Builder, as Traian likewise was, would call Traian, *Wall-flower*, because his name was vpon so many walls. 102.

Philip

103. Philip of Macedon was wished to banish one, for speaking ill of him: But Philip said; *Better he speake where wee are both knowne, then where we are both unknowne.*

104. A Grecian Captaine adusing the Confederates, that were united against the Lacedemonians, touching their Enterprise,

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prise, gaue opinion, that they should goe directly vpon Sparta, saying; *That the state of Sparta was like Riuers; strong when they had runne a great way, and weake towards their Head.*

Alonso of Aragon was wont to say of himselfe; *That he was a great Necromancer, for that he vsed to aske* 105.

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Counsell of the Dead: meaning Books.

106. Lucullus entertained Pompey, in one of his magnificent houses: Pompey said; *This is a maruellous faire and stately house for the Summer, but, me thinkes, it should be verie cold for the Winter.* Lucullus answered; *Doe you not thinke me as wise as diuerse*

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uerſe Fowle are, to remoue with the ſeaſon?

Plato entertained ſome of his Frends at a Dinner, and had in the Chamber, a Bed or Couch, neatly and coſtly furniſhed. Diogenes came in, and got vp vpon the Bed, and trampled vpon it, and ſaid; *I trample vpon the pride of Plato.* Plato mildly anſwe- 107.

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answered; *But with greater pride.*

108. One was examined, vpon certaine scandalous words spoken against the King. He confessed them, and said; *It is true, I spake them, and if the wine had not failed, I had said much more.*

109. Pompey being Com-

Commissioner, for sending graine to Rome, in time of Dearth, when hee came to the sea, hee found it verie tempestuous & dangerous; Insomuch as those about him, aduised him by no meanes to embarque. But Pompey said; *It is of necessitie that I goe, not that I liue.*

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110. Traian would say; *That the Kings Exchecquer was like the Spleene; for when that did swell, the whole Bodie did pine.*

111. Charles the Bauld allowed one, whose name was Scottus, to sit at the Table with him, for his pleasure. Scottus sate on the other side of the Table. One time the King

King being merrie with him, ſaid to him; *What is there betweene Scot and Sot?* Scottus anſwered; *The table onely.*

Ethelwold, Biſhop of Wincheſter, in a famine, ſold all the rich Veſſells and Ornaments of the Church, to releeue the poore with bread: and ſaid; *There was no reaſon,* 112.

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that the dead Temples of God ſhould be ſumptuouſly furniſhed, and the liuing Temples ſuffer penurie.

113. There was a Marriage made betweene a Widow of great wealth, and a Gentleman of great Houſe, that had no eſtate or meanes. Iack Roberts ſaid; *That Marriage was like a blacke pudding;*

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pudding; the one brought Blood, and the other brought Sewet and Oatmeale.

Demosthenes was vpbraided by Æschines, that his speeches did smell of the Lampe. But Demosthenes said; *Indeed there is a great difference, betweene that that you and I doe by Lampe-light.* 114.

Demades

115. Demades the Oratour, in his age was talkatiue, and would eat hard. Antipater would say of him; *That he was like a Sacrifice, that nothing was left of it, but the Tongue & the Paunch.*

116. When King Edward the second was amongst his Torturers, who hurried him too and fro, that no man

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man ſhould know where hee was, they ſet him down vpon a Banke; And one time the more to diſguiſe his face, ſhaued him, and waſhed him, with cold water of a ditch by: The King ſayd; *Well yet, I will haue warme water for my Beard.* And ſo ſhed abundance of Teares.

The Turke made an 117.

an Expedition into Persia, and because of the strait jawes of the Mountaines of Armenia, the Bassha's consulted which way they should get in. Saies a naturall Foole that stood by: *Here's much adoe how you should get in, but I heare no Bodie take care, how you should get out.*

Sir

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Sir Thomas Moore, when the Counſell of the Partie preſſed him for a longer day, ſaid; *Take S^t. Barnabies day, which is the longeſt day in the yeere.* Now S^t. Barnabies day was within few dayes following. 118.

One of the Fathers ſaith; *That there is but this difference betweene* 119.

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tweene the death of old men and young men; that old men goe to death, and death comes to young Men.

120. Philo Iudæus saith; *That the Sense is like the Sun: For the Sun seales vp the Globe of Heauen, and opens the Globe of Earth: So the Sense doth obscure heauenly things, & reueale earthly things.*

Cassius,

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121.

Caſſius, after the defeat of Craſſus, by the Parthians, whoſe weapons were chiefly Arrowes, fled to the Citie of Carras, where he durſt not ſtay any time, doubting to be purſued, & beſieged. He had with him an Aſtrologer, who ſaid to him; *Sir, I would not haue you goe hence, while the Moone is in the ſigne of Scorpio.*

Caſſius

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Cassius answered; *I am more afraid, of that of Sagittaris.*

122. Alexander, after the Battell of Granicum, had very great Offers made him by Darius. Consulting with his Captaines, cõcerning them, Parmenio said; *Sure, I would accept of these offers, if I were as Alexander.* Alexander answered;

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answered; *So would I, if I were as Parmenio.*

Alexander was wont to say; *Hee knew he was mortall by two things, Sleepe, and Lust.* 123.

Augustus Cæsar was inuited to supper, by one of his old Frends, that had conuersed with him, in his lesse Fortunes, and 124.

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had but ordinarie entertainment. Whereupon, at his going, he said; *I did not know, that you and I were so familiar.*

125. Augustus Cæsar would say; *That hee wondred, that Alexander feared hee should want worke, having no more to conquer: As if it were not as hard a matter to keep, as to conquer.*

Antigo-

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Antigonus, when it was told him, that the enemie had such volleyes of arrowes, that they did hide the Sunne, said; *That falls out well, for it is hot wether, and wee shall fight in the shade.* 126.

Augustus Cæsar did write to Liuia, who was over-sensible of some ill words that had been spoken 127.

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of them both; *Let it not trouble you, my Livia, if any man speake ill of vs, for wee haue enough, that no man can doe ill vnto vs.*

128. Chilon said; *That Kings Frends and Favourites were like Casting Counters, that sometimes stood for one, sometimes for ten, sometimes for a hundred.*

Theodo-

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Theodosius, when hee was pressed by a Sutour, and denied him, the Sutour said; *Why, Sir, you promised it.* Hee answered; *I said it, but I did not promise it, if it be vniust.* 129.

Agathocles, after he had take Syracusa, the men whereof, during the Siege, had in a braverie, spoken of him all the villanie 130.

that mought be, ſold the Syracuſians for ſlaues, and ſaid; *Now if you vſe ſuch words of me, I will tell your Maſters of you.*

131. Dionyſius the Elder, when he ſaw his Son, in many things verie inordinate, ſaid to him; *Did you euen know me doe ſuch things?* His Sonne anſwered; *No, but you*

you had not a Tyrant to your Father; The Father replyed; *No, nor you, if you take these courses, will have a Tyrant to your Son.*

Callisthenes the Philosopher, that followed Alexanders Court, and hated the King, was askt by one; *How one should become the famousest man in the world?* 132.

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And answered; *By taking away him that is.*

135. Sir Edward Coke was wont to say, when a great Man came to Dinner to him, and gave him no knowledge of his comming; *Well, since you sent me no word of your comming, you shall dine with mee: but if I had knowne of your cõming, I would have dined with you.* The

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The Romans, when they ſpake to the people, were wont to call them; *Yee Romans.* When Commanders in War ſpake to their Armie, they called them; *My Souldiers.* There was a Mutinie in Cæſars Armie, and ſomewhat the Souldiers would haue had, but they would not declare themſelues in it: Onely they 134.

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they demanded a Dimission or discharge, though with no intention it should bee granted: But knowing that Cæsar had, at that time, great need of their seruice, thought by that meanes, to wrench him to their other desires. Whereupon, with one cry, they asked Dimission. But Cæsar, after silence made,

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made, ſaid; *I, for my part, yee Romans:* which admitted thē to bee diſmiſſed. Which voice they had no ſooner heard, but they mutined againe, and would not ſuffer him to goe on, vntill hee had called them by the name of *Souldiers.* And ſo, with one word, hee appeaſed the Sedition.

Cæſar

135. Cæsar would say of Sylla, for that hee did resigne his Dictatourship; *That hee was ignorant of letters, he could not dictate.*

136. Seneca said of Cæsar; *That he did quickly sheath the sword, but neuer laid it off.*

137. Diogenes begging, as diuerse Philosophers then vsed, did beg

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beg more of a prodigall man, then of the reſt that were preſent: Whereupon one ſaid to him; *See your baſeneſſe, that when you finde a liberall minde, you will take moſt of.* No, (ſaid Diogenes) *but I meane to beg of the reſt againe.*

Iaſon the Theſſalian was wont to ſay; *That ſome things muſt* 138.

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be done vniustly, that many things may bee done iustly.

139. Sir Nicholas Bacon being Keeper of the Seale, when Queene Elizabeth, in progresse, came to his house at Redgraue, and said to him; *My Lo. what a little house haue you gotten?* said, *Madam, my house is well, but it is you that haue*

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haue made me too great for my house.

Themistocles, when an Embassador from a meane State did speake great matters, said to him; *Frend, your words would require a Citie.* 140.

Agesilaus; when one told him there was one did excellently counterfet a Nigh- 141.

Nightingale, and would haue had him heare him, said; *Why, I haue heard the Nightingale her selfe.*

142. A great Nobleman, vpon the complaint of a Seruant of his, layd a Citizen by the heeles, thinking to bend him to his Seruants desire. But the Fellow being stubborne, the Seruant

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uant came to his Lo. and told him; *Your Lop. I know, hath gone as farre as well you may, but it workes not, for yonder Fellow is more peruerſe then before.* Said my Lo. *Let's forget him a while, and then he will remember himſelfe.*

143. One came to a Cardinall in Rome, and told him; *That he had*

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brought his Lor a daintie white Palfrey, but he fell lame by the way. Saith the Cardinall to him; *Ile tell thee what thou ſhalt doe;* Goe to *ſuch a Cardinall, and ſuch a Cardinall,* (naming him ſome halfe a dozen Cardinalls) *and tell them as much; And ſo, whereas by thy horſe, if hee had beene ſound, thou couldſt haue pleaſed but*

but one, with thy lame horſe thou maieſt pleaſe halfe a dozen.

Iphicrates the Athenian, in a Treatie that he had with the Lacedemonians for peace, in which queſtiõ was about ſecuritie for obſeruing the ſame, ſaid; *The Athenians would not accept of any Securitie, except the Lacedemonians did* 144.

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yeeld vp vnto them thoſe things, whereby it mought bee manifeſt, that they could not hurt them, if they would.

145. Euripides would ſay of perſons that were beautifull, and yet in ſome yeeres; *In faire bodies, not onely the Spring is pleaſant, but alſo the Autumne.*

After

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After a great fight, there came to the Campe of Consaluo the great Captaine, a Gentle-man proudly horsed and armed. Diego de Mendoza askt the great Captaine; *Who's this?* Who answered; *It is S^r. Ermin, that neuer appeares, but after a storme.* 146.

There was a Captaine 147.

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taine ſent to an Exploit by his Generall, with Forces that were not likely to atchieue the Enterpriſe. The Captaine ſaid to him; *Sir, appoint but halfe ſo many. Why?* (ſaith the Generall.) The Captaine anſwered; *Becauſe it is better fewer die then more.*

148. They would ſay of the Duke of Guiſe Henrie,

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Henrie, that had ſold and oppignerated all his Patrimonie, to ſuffice the great Donatiues that hee had made; *That hee was the greateſt Vſurer of France, becauſe all his ſtate was in obligations.*

Crœſus ſaid to Cambyſes; *That Peace was better then warre; becauſe in peace the Sonnes did burie* 149.

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their Fathers, but in warres, the Fathers did burie their Sonnes.

150. There was an Harbinger had lodged a Gentle-man in a verie ill roome, who expoſtulated with him ſomewhat rudely; But the Harbinger carelesly ſayd; *You will take pleaſure in it, when you are out of it.*

There

151. There was a curſt Page, that his Maſter whipt naked: And when hee had beene whipt, would not put on his Cloaths: And when his Maſter bade him, ſaid to him; *Take them you, for they are the Hangmans fees.*

152. There was one that died greatly in debt. When it was reported in ſome companie,

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company, where diuerse of his Creditors were; that hee was dead, one began to say; *In good faith, then hee hath carried* 500. *Duckets of mine, with him, into the other world.* And another of them said; *And* 200. *of mine.* And some others spake of seuerall summes of theirs. Whereupon, one that was amongst them,

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them, ſaid; *Well, I ſee now, that though a man cannot carrie any of his owne with him into the other world, yet he may carrie other mens.*

Francis Caruajall, that was the great Captaine of the Rebells of Peru, had often giuen the chace to Diego Centeno, a principall Commander of the Emperours partie. 153.

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partie. He was afterwards taken by the Emperours Lieutenant Gasca, and committed to the custodie of Diego Centeno, who vsed him with all possible curtesie; Insomuch as Caruajall askt him; *I pray, Sir, who are you, that vse mee with this curtesie?* Centeno said; *Doe you not know Diego Centeno?* Caruajall

Caruajall anſwered; *In good faith, Sir, I haue beene ſo vſed to ſee your backe, as I knew not your face.*

Caruajall, when he was drawne to execution, being foure-ſcore and fiue yeeres old, and layd vpon the Hurdle, ſayd; *What? young in cradle, old in cradle?* 154.

There

155. There is a Spaniſh Adage; *Loue without end, hath no end*: Meaning, that if it were begun, not vpon particular ends, it would laſt.

156. Cato the Elder, being aged, buried his Wife, and married a young woman. His Sonne came to him, and ſaid; *Sir, what haue I offended you, that*

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that you haue brought a Step mother into your house? The old Man answered; *Nay, quite contrarie, Sonne, thou pleasest me so well, as I would be glad to haue more such.*

Crassus the Orator had a Fish, which the Romans call'd *Murena*, that hee had made verie tame, and fond of him. The Fish 157.

Fish died, and Crassus wept for it. One day falling in contention with Domitius in the Senate, Domitius said; *Foolish Crassus, you wept for your Murena.* Crassus replied; *That's more then you did for both your wiues.*

158. Philip, Alexanders Father, gaue Sentence against a Prisoner, what time hee was drowsie,

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drowsie, and seemed to giue small attention; The Prisoner, after sentẽce was pronounced, said; *I appeale.* The King somewhat stirred, sayd; *To whom doe you appeale?* The Prisoner answered; *From Philip when hee gaue no eare, to Philip when he shall giue eare.*

The same Philip N main- 159.

maintained Argument with a Musician, in points of his Art, somewhat peremptorily. But the Musician said to him; *God forbid, Sir, your Fortune were so hard, that you should know these things better then I.*

160. There was a Philosopher that disputed with Adrian the Empe-

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Emperour, and did it but weakely. One of his Frends, that had beene by, afterwards ſaid to him; *Mee thinkes you were not like your ſelfe, laſt day, in Argument with the Emperour; I could haue anſwered better my ſelfe. Why*, layd the Philoſopher, *would you haue mee contend with him that commands thirtie Legions?*

161. Diogenes was asked in a kinde of scorne; *What was the matter, that Philosophers haunted rich men, and not rich men Philosophers?* He answered; *Because the one knew what they wanted, the other did not.*

162. Demetrius King of Maccdon, had a petition offered him diuerse

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uerſe times by an old Woman, and ſtill anſwered; *Hee had no leiſure.* Whereupon, the woman ſaid aloud; *Why then giue ouer to be King.*

163. The ſame Demetrius would, at times, retire himſelfe from buſineſſe, and giue himſelfe wholly to pleaſures. One day of thoſe his retirings, giuing

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uing out that he was ſicke, his Father Antigonus came, on the ſuddaine, to viſit him, and met a faire daintie youth comming out of his Chamber. When Antigonus came in, Demetrius ſaid; *Sir, the feauer left me right now.* Antigonus replyed; *I thinke it was hee that I met at the doore.*

There

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There was a Merchant farre in debt that died. His goods and houſhold ſtuffe were ſet forth to ſale. There was one that bought onely a pillow, and ſaid; *This pillow ſure is good to ſleepe vpon, ſince hee could ſleepe that owed ſo many debts.* 164.

A Louer met his Lady in a cloſe chaire, 165.

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shee thinking to goe vnknowne. He came and spake to her. She askt him; *How did you know me?* He said; *Because my wounds bled afresh.* Alluding to the common tradition, That the wounds of a bodie slaine, in the presence of him that kill'd him, will bleed afresh.

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166.

A Gentle-man brought Muſicke to his Ladies window, who hated him, and had warned him oft away: And when he perſiſted, ſhee threw ſtones at him. Whereupon, a Frend of his that was in his companie, ſayd to him; *What greater honour can you haue to your Muſicke, then that ſtones come about you, as*

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as they did to Orpheus?

167. Cato Maior would say; *That wise men learned more by Fooles, then Fooles by wise men.*

168. When it was sayd to Anaxagoras; *The Athenians haue condemned you to die.* He said againe; *And Nature them.*

Demo-

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Demosthenes, whē hee fled from the Battell, and that it was reproached to him, said; *That hee that flies mought fight againe.* 169.

Antalcidas, when an Athenian said to him; *Ye Spartans are vnlearned*: said againe; *True, for wee haue learned, no euill, nor vice, of you.* 170.

Alex-

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171. Alexander, when his Father wished him, to runne, for the prize of the Race, at the Olympiã Games, (for hee was very swift) said; *He would, if he might runne with Kings.*

172. When Alexander passed into Asia, hee gaue large Donatiues, to his Captains, and other principall Men

Men of Vertue: In ſo much, as Parmenio asked him; *Sir, what doe you keepe, for your ſelfe?* Hee anſwered; *Hope.*

Antigonus vſed oft 173.
to goe diſguiſed, and liſten at the Tents of his Souldiers: And at a time, heard ſome that ſpoke, very ill of him. Whereupon, he opened the Tent a little,

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tle, and ſaid to them; *If you will ſpeake ill of mee, you ſhould goe a little further off.*

174. Veſpaſian ſet a Tribute vpon Vrine. Titus his Sonne, emboldned himſelfe, to ſpeake to his Father of it; and repreſented it, as a thing indigne, and ſordid. Veſpaſian ſaid nothing for the time; but a while after,

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after, when it was forgotten, sent for a piece of Siluer, out of the Tribute Money, and called to his Sonne, bidding him smell to it; and asked him; *Whether he found any offence?* Who said; *No. Why loe* (saith Vespasian againe) *and yet this comes out of Vrine.*

There were two 175.
Gentle-

Gentlemen, otherwise of equall degree, saue that the one, was of the ancienter house. The other, in curtesie, asked his Hand to kisse: which hee gaue him: And he kist it: But said withall, to right himselfe, by way of Friendship; *Well, I and you, against any two of them.* Putting himselfe first.

Nerua

176.

Nerua the Emperour, ſucceeded Domitian, who was tyrannicall; ſo as in his time, many noble Houſes, were ouerthrowne, by falſe Accuſations; the Inſtruments whereof, were chiefly, Marcellus and Regulus. The Emperour, one night, ſupt priuately, with ſome ſix or ſeuen: Amongſt which, there was one,

O that

that was a dangerous Man, and began to take, the like courſes, as Marcellus, and Regulus had done. The Emperour fell into diſcourſe, of the Iniuſtice, and Tyranny, of the former time, and by name, of the two Accuſers, and ſaid; *What ſhould wee doe with them, if wee had them now?* One of them, that were at ſupper,

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ſupper, and was a free ſpoké Senatour, ſaid; *Marry, they ſhould ſup with vs.*

177. There was one that found a great maſſe of money, digged vnder ground, in his Grand-fathers houſe. And being ſomewhat doubtfull of the caſe, ſignified it to the Emperour, that hee had found ſuch Treaſure.

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The Emperour made a Reſcript thus; *Vſe it.* Hee writ backe againe, that the ſumme was greater then his Eſtate or Condition could vſe. The Emperour writ a new Reſcript, thus; *Abuſe it.*

178. A Spaniard was cenſuring to a French Gentleman, the want of deuotion amongſt the

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the French: In that, whereas in Spaine, when the Sacrament goes to the ſicke, any that meets with it, turnes backe, & waits vpon it to the houſe whither it goes: But in France, they onely doe reuerence, and paſſe by. But the French Gentle-man anſwered him; *There is reaſon for it, for here with vs, Chriſt is ſe-*

cure amongſt his Frends; but in Spaine, there be ſo many Iewes and Marano's, that it is not amiſſe for him to haue a Conuoy.

179. Coranus the Spaniard, at a table at dinner, fell into an extolling of his owne Father, and ſayd; *If he ſhould haue wiſhed of God, he could not haue choſen amongſt men, a better*

better Father. Sir Henrie Sauill sayd; *What, not Abraham?* Now Coranus was doubted to descend of a race of Iewes.

Consaluo would say; *The honour of a Souldier ought to be of a good strong webbe.*: Meaning, that it should not be so fine and curious, that euerie little disgrace 180.

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should catch, and sticke in it.

181. One of the Seuen was wont to say; *That Lawes were like Copwebs; where the small Flies were caught, and the great brake thorow.*

182. Bias gaue in precept; *Loue, as if you should hereafter hate; and hate, as if you should*

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should hereafter loue.

183. Aristippus being reprehended of Luxurie, by one that was not rich, for that he gaue six Crownes for a small Fish, answered; *Why, what would you haue giuen?* The other said; *Some twelue pence.* Aristippus said againe; *And six Crownes is no more with me.*

There

184. There was a French Gentleman ſpeaking with an Engliſh, of the Law Salique; That women were excluded to inherit the Crown of France. The Engliſh ſayd; *Yes, but that was meant of the women themſelues, not of ſuch Males as claim'd by women.* The French Gentleman ſayd; *Where doe you finde that Gloſſe?*

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The Engliſh anſwered; *Ile tell you, Sir, looke on the backſide of the Record of the Law Salique, and there you ſhall finde it endorſed.* Meaning, there was no ſuch thing at all, as the Law Salique, but that it was a Fiction.

There was a Frier in earneſt diſpute about the Law Salique, that would needs 185.

needs proue it by Scripture; citing that verse of the Gospell; *Lilia agri non laborant, neq; nent: Which is as much to say,* (saith he) *that the Flower de luces of France cannot descend, neither to Distaffe, nor Spade: that is, not to a woman, nor to a Peasant.*

186. Iulius Cæsar, as hee passed by, was by acclamation

clamation of ſome that were ſuborned, called *King*; to trie how the people would take it. The People ſhewed great murmur and diſtaſte at it. Cæſar finding where the winde ſtood, ſlighted it, and ſaid; *I am not King, but Cæſar*: As if they had miſtooke his name: For *Rex* was a Surname amongſt the

the Romans, as *King* is with vs.

187. When Crœsus, for his glory, shewed Solon great Treasure of Gold, Solon sayd to him; *If another come, that hath better iron then you, hee will bee Master of all this Gold.*

188. There was a Gentleman that came to the Tilt, all in Orenge tawnie,

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tawnie, and ranne verie ill. The next day he came all in Green, and ranne worse. There was one of the Lookers on askt another; *What's the reason, that this Gentleman changeth his Colours?* The other answered; *Sure, because it may be reported, that the Gentleman in the Greene ranne worse then the Gentleman in*

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in the Orenge tawnie.

189. Aristippus sayd, *That those that studied particular Sciences, & neglected Philosophie, were like Penelopes Wooers, that made loue to the waiting women.*

190. Plato reproued seuerely a young man, for entring into a dissolute house. The young man sayd to him;

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him; *What, for so small a matter?* Plato replyed; *But Custome is no small matter.*

191. There was a Law made by the Romans against the Briberie and Extortion of the Gouernours of Prouinces. Cicero saith, in a Speech of his to the People; *That hee thought the Prouinces would petition to the*

State of Rome, to haue that Law repealed. For (saith hee) before, the Gouernours did bribe and extort as much as was sufficient for themselues; but now they bribe and extort as much as may be enough, not only for themselues, but for the Iudges, and Iurours, and Magistrates.

192. Archidamus King of

of Lacedemon, hauing receiued from Philip King of Macedon, after Philip had won the victorie of Cheronea vpon the Athenians, proud Letters, writ backe to him; *That if hee measured his owne shadow, hee should finde it no longer now, then it was before his victorie.*

Pyrrhus, when his 193.

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Frends congratulated to him his victorie ouer the Romans, vnder the conduct of Fabricius, but with great slaughter of his owne side, said to them againe; *Yes, but if we haue such another victorie, wee are vndone.*

194. Cineas was an excellent Oratour and Statesman, and principall

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cipall Frend & Counsellour to Pyrrhus; And falling in inward talke with him, and discerning the Kings endlesse ambition, Pyrrhus opened himselfe to him; *That he intended first a warre vpon Italy, and hoped to atchieue it.* Cineas asked him; *Sir, what will you doe then?* *Then* (saith he) *wee will attempt Sicily.*

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Cineas said; *Well Sir, what then? Then* (saith Pyrrhus) *if the Gods fauour vs, we may conquer Affrick and Carthage. What then, Sir?* saith Cineas. *Nay then* (saith Pyrrhus) *wee may take our rest, and sacrifice, and feast euerie day, and make merry with our Frends. Alas Sir* (said Cineas) *may we not doe so now, without all this adoe?*

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The Embassadours of Asia Minor came to Antonius, after hee had imposed vpon them a double taxe, and said plainely to him; *That if he would haue two Tributes in one yeere, he must giue them two Seed-times, and two Harvests.* 195.

Plato was wont to say of his Master Socrates; *That hee was* 196.

like the Apothecaries Galley-pots, that had on the outside Apes, and Owles, and Satyres, but within precious drugs.

197. Lamia the Curtisan had all power with Demetrius King of Macedon: And by her instigation he did many vniust & cruell Acts. Wherupon Lysimachus said; *That it was the first time, that*

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that euer hee knew a Whore play in a Tragedie.

Themistocles would say of himselfe; *That hee was like a Plaine Tree, that in Tempests men fled to him, and in faire wether, men were euer cropping his leaues.* 198.

Themistocles said of Speech; *That it was like Arras, that spred* 199.

spred abroad shewes faire Images, but contracted, is but like packs.

200. Brisquet, Iester to Francis the first of France, did keepe a Kalender of Fooles; wherewith he did vse to make the King sport; telling him euer the reason, why hee put euerie one into his Kalender. So when

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when Charles the fifth passed, vpon confidence of the noble nature of Francis, thorow France, for the appeasing of the rebellion of Gaunt, Brisquet put him into his Kalender. The King asking the cause, he sayd; *Because you hauing suffered at the hands of Charles, the greatest bitternesse that euer Prince did from other,*

other, hee would truſt his perſon into your hands. Why Briſquet, (ſaid the King) *what wilt thou ſay, if thou ſeeſt him paſſe in as great ſafetie, as if it were thorow the midſt of Spaine?* Saith Briſquet; *Why then I will put out him, and put in you.*

201. Lewis the eleuenth of France, hauing much

much abated the greatneſſe and power of the Peeres, Nobilitie, and Court of Parliament, would ſay; *That hee had brought the Crowne out of Ward.*

Sir Fulke Greuill, in Parliament, when the Lower Houſe, in a great Buſineſſe of the Queenes, ſtood much vpon Preſidents, ſaid vnto 202.

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vnto them; *Why should you stand so much vpon Presidents? the times hereafter will be good or bad: If good, Presidents will doe no harme; if bad, Power will make a way where it findes none.*

203. When Peace was renewed with the French in England, diuerse of the great Counsellours were presented

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presented from the French with Iewells. The Lo. Henrie Howard was omitted. Whereupon the King said to him; *My Lo. How hap's it that you haue not a Iewell, as well as the rest?* My Lo. Henrie answered againe, (alluding to the Fable in Æsope;) *Non sum Gallus, itaque non reperi Gemmam.*

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204. An Oratour of Athens said to Demosthenes; *The Athenians will kill you, if they wax mad.* Demosthenes replyed; *And they will kill you, if they bee in good sense.*

205. Alexander sent to Phocyon a great Present of money. Phocyon said to the Messenger; *Why doth the King send to me, and to none*

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none else? The Messenger answered; *Because hee takes you to be the onely good Man in Athens.* Phocyon replyed; *If he thinke so, pray let him suffer mee to be good still.*

Cosmus Duke of Florence was wont to say of perfidious Frends; *That wee reade, that we ought to forgive our Enemies;* 206.

but we doe not reade, that wee ought to forgiue our Frends.

207. Æneas Syluius, that was Pius Secundus, was wont to say; *That the former Popes did wisely, to set the Lawyers on worke, to debate, whether the Donation of Constantine the Great to Syluester, were good and valid in Law; or no? The*

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The better to skip ouer the matter in fact, whether there were any such thing at all, or no?

208. At a Banquet, where those that were called the Seuen Wise Men of Greece, were inuited by the Embassadour of a Barbarous King, the Embassadour related; That there was a Neighbour King, mig-

mightier then his Master, pickt quarrells with him, by making impossible demands, otherwise threatning warre: And now at that present had demanded of him, to drinke vp the Sea. Whereunto one of the Wise Men said; *I would haue him vndertake it.* *Why* (saith the Embassadour) *how shall he come off?*

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off? Thus; (saith the Wise Man) *Let that King first stop the Rivers that runne into the Sea, which are no part of the Bargaine, and then your Master will performe it.*

209. At the same Banquet, the Embassadour desired the Seuen, and some other Wise Men, that were at the Banquet, to de-

liuer euerie one of them ſome Sentence or Parable, that hee mought report to his King the wiſdome of Grecia. Which they did. Onely one was ſilent. Which the Embaſſadour perceiuing, ſayd to him; *Sir, let it not diſpleaſe you, why doe not you ſay ſomewhat, that I may report?* Hee anſwered; *Report to your Lo. that there*

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there are of the Grecians, that can hold their peace.

One of the Romans said to his Frend; *What thinke you of such an one, as was taken with the manner in adulterie?* The other answered; *Marrie, I thinke, hee was slow at dispatch.* 210.

Lycurgus would 211.

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say of diuerse of the Heroes of the Heathen; *That hee wondred that men should mourne vpon their dayes, for them, as mortall men, and yet sacrifice to them as Gods.*

212. A Papist being opposed by a Protestant, that they had no Scripture for Images, answered; *Yes, for you reade, that the People*

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ple layd their ſicke in the ſtreets, that the ſhadow of S^t. Peter mought come vpon them: And that a ſhadow was an Image: And the obſcureſt of Images.

There is an Eccleſiaſticall Writer of the Papiſts, to proue Antiquitie of Confeſſió, in the forme that it now is, doth note, that in very ancient times, euen 213.

euen in the Primitiue times, amongſt other foule ſlanders ſpred againſt the Chriſtians, one was; *That they did adore the Genitories of their Prieſts.* *Which* (he ſaith) *grew from the poſture of the Confeſſant, and the Prieſt in Confeſſion: which is, that the Confeſſant kneeles downe, before the Prieſt ſitting in a raiſed chaire aboue him.* Epa-

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214.

Epaminondas, whē his great Frend and Colleague in warre, was Sutour to him, to pardon an Offender, denied him. Afterwards, when a Concubine of his made the same sute, hee granted it to her: Which when Pelopidas seemed to take vnkindely, hee sayd; *Such sutes are to bee granted to whores, but not*

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not to Personages of worth.

215. The Lacedemonians had in custome to speake verie short; Which, being in Empire, they mought doe at pleasure: But after their Defeat at Leuctra, in an Assembly of the Greciants, they made a long Inuectiue against Epaminondas; who stood vp,

vp, and ſaid no more, but this; *I am glad we haue taught you to ſpeake long,*

Fabricius, in conference with Pyrrhus, was tempted to reuolt to him; Pyrrhus telling him, that hee ſhould bee Partner of his Fortunes, and ſecond Perſon to him. But Fabricius anſwered, in a ſcorne, to ſuch 216.

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such a motion; *Sir, that would not bee good for your selfe: For if the Epyrotes once know me, they will rather desire to bee gouerned by me, then by you.*

217. Fabius Maximus being resolued to draw the warre in length, still waited vpon Hannibals progresse, to curbe him; And for that purpose, he

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hee encamped vpon the high Grounds. But Terentius his Collegue fought with Hannibal, and was in great perill of ouerthrow. But then Fabius came downe the high Grounds, & got the day: Whereupon Hannibal sayd; *That he did euer think, that that same Cloud that hanged vpon the Hills, would at one time*

time or other, giue a Tempeſt.

218. There was a cowardly Spaniſh Souldier, that in a Defeat the Moores gaue, ran away with the foremoſt. Afterwards, when the Armie generally fled, this Souldier was miſſing. Whereupon, it was ſayd by ſome, that he was ſlaine. *No ſure,* (ſaith

(saith one) *he is aliue, for the Moores eat no Hares flesh.*

Hanno the Carthaginian was sent Commissioner, by the State, after the second Carthaginian Warre, to Rome, to supplicate for peace, and in the end obtained it. Yet one of the sharper Senatours sayd; *You haue often broken with* 219.

vs the Peaces, whereunto you haue beene ſworne; I pray, by what Gods will you ſweare? Hanno anſwered; *By the ſame Gods, that haue puniſhed the former periurie ſo ſeuerely.*

220. Thales being aſked, when a Man ſhould marrie, ſayd; *Young Men not yet, old Men not at all.*

Thales

221. Thales sayd; *That Life and Death were all one.* One that was present askt him; *Why doe not you die then?* Thales sayd againe; *Because they are all one.*

222. Cæsar, after first he had possest Rome, Pompey being fled, offered to enter the sacred Treasurie, to take the Moneys that

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were there ſtored. Metellus, Tribune of the People, did forbid him. And when Metellus was violent in it, and would not deſiſt, Cæſar turned to him, and ſayd; *Preſume no further, or I will lay you dead.* And when Metellus was with thoſe words ſomewhat aſtoniſht, Cæſar added; *Young Man, it had beene eaſier for*

for me to doe this, then to speake it.

An Ægyptian Priest hauing conference with Solon, sayd to him; *You Grecians are euer children; you haue no Knowledge of Antiquitie, nor Antiquitie of Knowledge.* 223.

The Counsell did make remonstrance to Queene Elizabeth, 224.

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of the continuall Conſpiracies againſt her Life: And namely, of a late one: And ſhewed her a Rapier, taken from a Conſpiratour, that had a falſe chape, being of browne paper, but gilt ouer, as it could not be knowne from a chape of Mettall; which was deuiſed, to the end, that without drawing, the Rapier

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pier mought giue a ſtab; And, vpon this occaſion, aduiſed her, that ſhee ſhould goe leſſe abroad to take the aire, weakly accompanied, as ſhee vſed. But the Queene anſwered; *That ſhee had rather be dead, then put in cuſtodie.*

Chilon would ſay; *That Gold was tried with the Touch-ſtone,* 225.

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and Men with Gold.

226. Zelim was the first of the Ottomans that did shaue his beard, whereas his Predecessours wore it long. One of his Bassha's askt him; *Why he altred the custome of his Predecessours?* He answered; *Because, you Bassha's, shall not leade me by the beard, as you did them.*

Diogenes

227. Diogenes was one day in the Market-place, with a candle in his hand, And being askt; *What hee sought?* He layd; *He sought a Man.*

228. Bias being asked; *How a Man should order his life?* answered; *As if a Man should liue long, or die quickly.*

Queene

229. Queene Elizabeth was entertained, by my Lo. Burleigh at Theobalds: And at her going away, my Lo. obtained of the Queene, to make seuen Knights. They were Gentlemen of the Countrey, of my Lords Frends and Neighbours. They were placed in a rank, as the Queene should passe by the Hall; And

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And to winne Antiquitie of Knighthood, in order, as my Lo. fauoured; though indeed the more principall Gentle-men were placed loweſt. The Queene was told of it, and ſaid nothing; but when ſhe went along, ſhee paſſed them all by, as far as the skreene, as if ſhee had forgot it: And when ſhee came to

to the skreene, she seemed to take herselfe with the maner, and sayd; *I had almost forgot what I promised.* With that she turned backe, and knighted the lowest first, and so vpward Wherupon Mr. Stanhope of the Priuie Chamber, a while after told her; *Your Maiestie was too fine for my Lo. Burleigh.*

She

She answered; *I haue but fulfilled the Scripture; The first shall bee last, and the last first.*

Simonides being asked of Hiero; *What hee thought of God?* askt a Seuen-nights time, to consider of it. And at the Seuen-nights end, hee askt a Forthnights time. At the Forthnights end, a Moneth. At which Hiero 230.

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Hiero maruelling, Simonides answered; *That the longer hee thought on it, the more difficult he found it.*

231. Anacharsis would say concerning the Popular Estates of Græcia; *That he wondred, how at Athens, Wise Men did propose, and Fooles did dispose.*

232. Solon compared the

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the People vnto the Sea, and Oratours to the Windes; *For that the Sea would be calme and quiet, if the Windes did not trouble it.*

Socrates was pronounced by the Oracle of Delphos, to be the wiſeſt Man of Greece; which hee would put from himſelfe, ironically ſaying; *There could bee nothing* 233.

nothing in him to verifie the Oracle, except this; That he was not wise, and knew it; and others were not wise, and knew it not.

234. Cato the Elder, what time many of the Romans had Statua's erected in their Honour, was askt by one in a kinde of wonder; *Why he had none?* Answered; *He*

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He had much rather, Men ſhould aske, and wonder, why he had no Statua, than why hee had a Statua.

Sir Fulke Greuill, had much and priuate acceſſe, to Queen Elizabeth, which hee vſed honourably, & did many men good, yet he would ſay merrily of himſelfe; *That hee was like Robin* 235.

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Goodfellow; For when the Maides spilt the Milke-pans, or kept any racket, they would lay it upon Robin: So what tales, the Ladies about the Queene, told her, or other bad offices, that they did, they would put it upon him.

236. Socrates, when there was shewed him, the Booke of Hera-

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Heraclitus the Obſcure, and was askt his opinion of it, anſwered; *Thoſe things, that I vnderſtood, were excellent, I imagine, ſo were thoſe, that I vnderſtood not: But they require a Diuer of Delos.*

Bion askt an enuious Man, that was very ſad; *What harme had befallen to him, or* 237.

what good had befallen to another Man?

238. Stilpo, the Philosopher, when the people flocked about him, and that one said to him; *The people come wondring about you, as if it were, to see some strange Beast.* *No,* (saith he) *it is to see a Man, which Diogenes sought with his Lanthorne.*

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239. Antisthenes, being asked of one; *What Learning was most necessary for Mans life?* answered; *To vnlearne that which is naught.*

240. There was a politicke Sermon, that had no Diuinity in it, was preached before the King. The King, as he came forth, said to Bishop Andrewes;

Call you this a Sermon? The Bishop answered; *And it please your Maiesty, by a charitable construction, it may be a Sermon.*

241. Bishop Andrewes, was asked, at the first cómingouer of the Bishop of Spalato; *Whether he were a Protestant, or no?* He answered; *Truly, I know not, but hee is a Detestant, of*

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of diuers Opinions of Rome.

Caius Marius, was Generall of the Romans, against the Cimbers, who came, with such a Sea of Multitude, vpon Italy. In the fight, there was a Band of the Cadurcians, of a Thousand, that did notable seruice. Whereupon, after the fight, Marius 242.

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did Denison them all, for Cittizens of Rome, though there was no Law to warrant it. One of his Friends, did represent it vnto him, that hee had transgressed the Law, because that priuiledge, was not to be granted, but by the People. Whereto Marius answered; *That for the noyse of Armes, hee could not heare the Lawes.* Æneas

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Æneas Syluius would say; *That the Christian Faith and Law, though it had not beene confirmed by Miracles, yet was worthy to bee receiued, for the Honesty thereof.* 243.

Henry Noel would say; *That Courtiers were like Fasting Daies; They were next the Holy-daies, but in themselues, they were the* 244.

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the most meager Daies, of the weeke.

245. Mr. Bacon would say; *That it was in Businesse, as it is commonly in wayes, That the next way is commonly the foulest, and that if a Man will goe the fairest way, hee must goe somewhat about.*

246. Augustus Cæsar, out of great indignation,

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tion, againſt his two Daughters, and Poſthumus Agrippa, his Grand-child; whereof the firſt two were infamous, and the laſt otherwiſe vnworthy, would ſay; *That they were not his Seed, but ſome Impoſtumes, that had broken from him.*

Cato ſaid; *The beſt way, to keepe good Acts in memory, was* 247.

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to refresh them with new.

248. Pompey did consummate the warre against Sertorius, When Metellus had brought the Enemie somewhat low. Hee did also consummate the warre against the Fugitiues, whom Crassus had before defeated, in a great Battaile. So when Lucullus,

cullus, had had great and glorious Victories, against Mithridates, and Tigranes, yet Pompey, by meanes his Friends made, was sent, to put an end, to that Warre. Whereupon Lucullus, taking indignation, as a disgrace offered to himselfe, said; *That Pompey was a carrion Crow, that when others had*

had ſtrooken downe Bodies, he came to prey vpon them.

249. Diogenes, when Mice came about him, as he was eating, ſaid; *I ſee, that euen Diogenes nouriſheth Parаſites.*

250. Epictetus vſed to ſay; *That one of the vulgar, in any ill that happens to him, blames others:*

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others: A Nouice in Philosophy, blames himselfe: And a Philosopher, blames neither the one, nor the other.

Hiero, visited by Pythagoras, askt him; *Of what condition he was?* Pythagoras answered; *Sir, I know you haue beene at the Olympian Games.* *Yes*, saith Hiero. *Thither* (saith Pythagoras) *come* 251.

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come some, to win the Prizes. Some come to sell their Merchandize, because it is a kinde of Mart of all Greece. Some come, to meet their Friends, and make merry, because of the great confluence of all sorts. Others come onely to looke on. I am one of them, that come to looke on. Meaning it of Philosophy, and

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and the Contemplatiue Life.

Mr. Bettenham vſed to ſay; *That Riches were like Mucke: When it lay vpon an heape, it gaue but a ſtench, and ill odour; but when it was ſpread vpon the ground, then it was cauſe of much fruit.* 252.

The ſame Mr. Bettenham ſaid; *That ver-* 253.

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tuous Men, were like some Herbs, and Spices, that giue not their sweet smell, till they bee broken, and crushed.

254. There was a Painter, became a Physician. Whereupon, one said to him; *You haue done well; For before, the faults of your work were seene, but now they are vnseene.*

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255. One of the Philosophers was askt; *What a wise Man differed from a Foole?* He answered; *Send them both naked, to those that know them not, and you shall perceiue.*

256. Cæsar, in his Booke, that he made against Cato, (which is lost,) did write, to shew the force of Opinion, and Reuerence, of a Man,

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that had once obtained, a popular reputation; *That there were ſome, that found Cato drunke, and they were aſhamed, in ſtead of Cato.*

257. Ariſtippus, ſayling in a Tempeſt, ſhewed ſignes of Feare. One of the Sea-men ſaid to him, in an inſulting manner; *Wee that are Plebeians, are not*

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not troubled, you, that are a Philoſopher, are afraid. Ariſtippus anſwered; *There is not the like wager vpon it, for me to periſh, and you,*

There was an Oratour, that defended a cauſe of Ariſtippus, and preuailed. Afterwards, he askt Ariſtippus; *Now, in your diſtreſſe, what did Socra-* 258.

tes doe you good? Aristippus answered; *Thus; in making true, that good, which you said of me.*

259. Aristippus said; *He tooke money of his Friends, not so much to vse it himselfe, as to teach them, how to bestow their money.*

260. A Strumpet said to Aristippus; *That she*

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she was with child by him: Hee answered; *You know that no more, than, if you went through a Hedge of Thornes, you could say, This Thorne prickt me.*

The La. Paget, that was very priuate with Queene Elizabeth, declared her selfe much, against her Match, with Monsieur. After Monsieurs 261.

ſieurs Death, the Queene tooke extreame griefe (at leaſt as ſhee made ſhew) And kept within her Bed-Chamber, and one Ante-Chamber, for 3. weekes ſpace, in token of Mourning. At laſt, ſhee came forth, into her Priuy-Chamber, and admitted her Ladies, to haue acceſſe vnto her; And amongſt the

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the reſt, my La. Paget preſented her ſelfe, and came to her, with a ſmiling countenãce. The Queene bent her browes, and ſeem'd to bee highly diſpleaſed, and ſaid to her; *Madam, you are not ignorant, of my extreme griefe, and do you come to mee, with a countenance of ioy?* My Lady Paget anſwered; *Alas, and it pleaſe your Maieſty,*

Maiesty, it is impossible for me, to be absent from you 3. weekes, but that when I see you, I must looke cheerefully. No, *no*, (said the Queene, not forgetting her former auersenesse from the Match) *You haue some other conceit in it; Tell me plainely.* My Lady answered; *I must obey you. It is this. I was thinking, how happy your*

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your Maiesty was, in that you married not Monsieur: For seeing, you take such thought, for his Death, being but your Friend, if he had beene your Husband, sure it would haue cost you your life.

Sir Edward Dyer, a graue and wise Gentleman, did much beleeue in Kelley the Alchymist; That hee did 262.

did indeed the worke, and made Gold: Insomuch, as hee went himselfe into Germany, where Kelly then was, to informe himselfe fully thereof. After his returne, he dined with my Lord of Canterbury, where, at that time, was at the Table, Dr. Browne the Phisician. They fell in talke of Kelley. Sir Edward Dyer, tur-

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turning to the Archbishop, said; *I doe assure your Grace, that, that I shall tell you, is truth. I am an Eie-witnesse thereof, and if I had not seene it, I should not haue beleeued it. I saw Master Kelly put of the base Mettall into the Chrusible, and after it was set a little vpon the fire, and a verie small quantitie of the Medi-*

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cine put in, and ſtirr'd with a ſticke of wood, it came forth in great proportion, perfect Gold, to the Touch, to the Hammer, to the Teſt. Said the Biſhop; *You had need take heed, what you ſay, Sir Edward Dier, for heere is an Infidel at the Board.* Sir Edward Dier ſaid againe pleaſantly; *I would haue lookt for an Infidell, ſooner in any*

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any place, than at your Graces table. What say you Doctor Browne? Saith the Bishop. Dr. Browne answered, after his blunt, and hudling manner; *The Gentleman hath spoken enough for me. Why,* (saith the Bishop) *What hath hee said? Marry,* (saith Doctor Browne) *he said, he would not haue beleeu'd it, except hee had*

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had seene it; And no more will I.

263. Democritus said; That Truth did lie in profound pits, and when it was got, it needed much refining.

264. Dr. Iohnson said; That in sickneſſe there were three things, that were materiall: The Phyſician; the Diſeaſe; and the Patient. And if

if any two of these ioyned, then they haue the victorie: For, Ne Hercules quidem contra duos. If the Physician and the Patient ioyne, then downe goes the Disease; for the Patient recouers. If the Physician and the Disease ioyne, then downe goes the Patient; that is, where the Physician mistakes the cure. If the Patient and the

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Diſeaſe ioyne, then downe goes the Phyſician; for hee is diſcredited.

265. Alexander viſited Diogenes in his Tub. And when hee askt him; *What hee would deſire of him?* Diogenes anſwered; *That you would ſtand a little aſide, that the Sunne may come to me.*

Diogenes

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Diogenes ſaid of a young Man that danced daintily, and was much commended; *The better, the worſe.* 266.

Diogenes called an ill Muſician, *Cocke*. *Why?* (ſaith hee:) Diogenes anſwered; *Becauſe when you crow, Men vſe to riſe.* 267.

Heraclitus the Obſcure ſayd; *The drie* 268.

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Light was the best Soule. Meaning, when the Faculties Intellectuall are in vigour, not wet, nor, as it were, blouded by the Affections.

269. There was in Oxford a cowardly Fellow, that was a verie good Archer. Hee was abused grossely by another, and moaned himselfe to Walter Ralegh,

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Ralegh, then a Scholler, and askt his aduice; *What hee should doe to repaire the wrong had beene offred him?* Ralegh answered; *Why, challenge him at a match of shooting.*

Whitehead, a graue Diuine, was much esteemed by Queene Elizabeth, but not preferred, because hee 270.

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was againſt the gouernment of Biſhops. Hee was of a blunt Stoicall Nature. Hee came one day to the Queene, and the Queene happened to ſay to him; *I like thee the better, Whitehead, becauſe thou liueſt vnmarried.* Hee anſwered againe; *In troth, Madam, I like you the worſe for the ſame cauſe.*

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271. There was a Noble-man that was leane of visage, but immediately after his Marriage hee grew prettie plumpe & fat. One said to him; *Your Lor. doth contrarie to other married Men; for they at the first wax leane, and you wax fat.* Sir Walter Ralegh stood by, and sayd; *Why, there is no Beast, that if you take him*

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from the Common, and put him into the Seuerall, but hee will wax fat.

272. Diogenes seeing one that was a Bastard, casting stones among the People, bade him take heed, *He bit not his Father.*

273. Dr. Lawd sayd; *That some Hypocrites, and seeming mortified men*

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men, that held downe their heads, were like little Images, that they place in the verie bowing of the vaults of Churches, that looke, as if they held vp the Church, but are but Puppets.

It was sayd among some of the graue Prelates of the Councell of Trent, in which the Schoole-Diuines 274

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bore the sway; *That the Schoole-men were like the Astronomers; who, to saue the Phenomena, framed to their conceit Eccentricks, & Epicycles, and a wonderfull Engine of Orbes, though no such things were: So they, to saue the practise of the Church, had deuised a number of strange Positions.*

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It was also said by many, concerning the Canons of that Councell; *That wee are beholding to Aristotle for many Articles of our Faith.* 275.

The Lo. Henrie Howard, being Lo. Priuie Seale, was askt by the King openly at the Table, (where commonly hee entertained the King) vpon 276.

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on the ſudden: *My Lo. haue you not a deſire to ſee Rome?* My Lo. Priuie Seale anſwered; *Yes indeed, Sir.* The King ſayd; *And why?* My Lo. anſwered; *Becauſe, and it pleaſe your Maieſtie, it was once the Seat of the greateſt Monarchie: And the Seminarie of the braueſt men in the world, amongſt the Heathen: And*

And then againe, because after it was the Sea of so many holy Bishops in the Primitiue Church, most of them Martyrs. The King would not giue it ouer, but sayd; *And for nothing else?* My Lo. answered; *Yes, and it please your Maiestie, for two things especially. The one, to see him, who they say hath such a power, to forgiue other*

other mens ſinnes, to confeſſe his owne ſinnes vpon his knees, before a Chaplaine or Prieſt: And the other is, to heare Antichriſt ſay his Creed.

277. There was a Noble-man ſayd of a great Counſellour; *That hee would haue made the worſt Farrier in the world, for he neuer ſhod horſe, but hee cloyed*

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cloyed him: ſo, he neuer commended any man to the King for ſeruice, or vpon occaſion of ſute, or otherwiſe, but that he would come in, in the end, with a But, and driue in a naile to his diſaduantage.

278. There was a Ladie of the Weſt Country, that gaue great Entertainment at her Houſe

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House to most of the gallant Gentlemen thereabout: And amongst others, Sir Walter Ralegh was one. This Lady, though otherwise a stately Dame, was a notable good Huswife; and in the morning betimes, she called to one of her Maids, that lookt to the Swine, and askt; *Is the piggy served?* Sir

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Sir Walter Raleghs Chamber was faſt by the Ladies, ſo as hee heard her. A little before dinner, the Ladie came downe, in great ſtate, into the great chamber, which was full of Gentlemen: And as ſoone as Sir Walter Ralegh ſet eye vpon her; *Madam* (ſaith hee) *is the piggie ſerued?* The La. anſwered; *You know*

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beſt, whether you haue had your Breakefaſt.

279. There was a Gentleman tell verie ſicke, and a Frend of his ſaid to him; *Surely you are in danger; I pray ſend for a Phyſician.* But the ſicke man anſwered; *It is no matter, for if I die, I will die at leiſure.*

280. There was an Epicurean

curean vaunted, that diuerſe of other Sects of Philoſophers, did after turne Epicureans, but there was neuer any Epicurean, that turned to any other Sect. Wherupon, a Philoſopher, that was of another Sect, ſaid; *The reaſon was plaine, for that Cocks may bee made Capons, but Capons could neuer be made Cocks.*

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